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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement which was set forth in the Office Action mailed September 27, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including January 27, 2002 is filed simultaneously herewith. Please enter the following:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up version showing changes made is attached hereto):

**[Paragraph at page 1, line 31- page 2, line 4:]**

31 It is preferred that the isolated polynucleotides of the claimed invention consists of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 that codes for the polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. The present invention also relates to an isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequences of at least 60 (preferably at least 40, most preferably at least 30) contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 and the complement of such nucleotide sequences.

**[Paragraph at page 2, lines 5-7:]**

The present invention relates to an isolated polynucleotide comprising at least 30 contiguous nucleotides derived from a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and the complement of such